GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ATROCITIES AGAINST TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has failed to check the cases of atrocities against tribal people and these are increasing year after year;

(b) if so, the number of cases regarding atrocities against tribal people recorded during each of the last three years and number of persons arrested/convicted for the same, State-wise; and

(c) the measures taken for the welfare and uplifbnent of tribal persons and achievements made therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRIP.R.KYNDIAH)

(a) & (b): No,Sir.It is not correct to say that the cases of atrocities against tribals are increasing year after year.The figures show a fluctuating trend.A statement is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c): Different sectoral Ministries under the Central Government cover tribals as well as other people under their programmes.Additionally the Ministry of Tribal Affairs supports the following programmes exclusively for the benefit of tribals:

Central Sector Schemes

i) Grant-in-aid to NGOs for Scheduled Tribes including Coaching and Allied and award for exemplary service: Funds are released for preparing ST candidates for competitive examinations to improve their representation in various posts and services.

ii) Vocational Training in Tribal Areas: The scheme aims at developing the skills of the tribal youth for gainful employment/self employment.

iii) Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets: Funds are provided for improving literacy among ST women in districts with less than 10% of female literacy.

iv) Grant-in-Aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations for Minor Forest Produce: Support is given to Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations, Minor Forest Produce Trade and Development Federations or Forest Development Corporations in the States for dealing with Minor Forest Produce items.

V) Development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs): Funds are provided for any activity to be undertaken for the-benefit of the PTGs.

vi) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) for ST students:Fellowships arc provided to ST students to enable them to pursue higher studies for obtaining M.Phil and Ph.D qualifications.

Centrally Sponsored Schemes

vii) Scheme of Post Matric, Book Bank & Upgradation of Merit of Scheduled Tribe Students:Post Matric Scholarships are sanctioned to ST students, books are supplied to ST students pursuing professional courses and upgradation of merit of ST students.

viii) Girls and Boys Hostels for Scheduled Tribes: Funds are provided to States/UTs for construction of new hostel buildings and/or extension of existing hostels.

ix) Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas: Funds are provided for establishment of residential schools for ST boys and girls.

x) Research Information & Mass Education,Tribal Festival and:Grants are given for Research Fellowships, Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) set up in the States/ UTs, research and evaluation projects, seminars and publications.

Special Area Programmes

xi) Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan.Special Central Assistance is provided to Tribal Sub-Plan States for filling up the critical gaps in employment-cum-income generation activities and infrastructure incidental thereto.

xii) Grants-in-aid under Article 275(1) of the Constitution: Funds are released for providing infrastructure to Tribal Welfare Educational Institutions.

The details of the funds released under the above-stated schemes are enclosed as annexure-II.